



**2010**  
**Tucson/Pima County Historical Commission**  
**Historic Landmark Signs Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

**LEGAL ACTION REPORT**

**March 19, 2010 3:00 – 5:00 PM**

The Tucson/Pima County Historical Commission Historic Landmark Signs Ad Hoc Subcommittee conducted a meeting on **Friday, March 19, 2010 at 3:00 PM** in the **Santa Rita Building, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Terrace conference room**, Tucson, Arizona.

**1. Roll call and introductions**

**Subcommittee members stated their names for the record; staff and audience introductions were made.**

**2. Recommendation of Revised Definition of Historic Landmark Signs (*Action Item*)**

**The subcommittee discussed the definition, revised as a result of discussion at the last meeting and adopted the draft as a working definition. Additional changes in the adopted draft included:**

- **changing the cut-off date for Transitional Signs from 1973 to 1974;**
- **adding that the sign must be unique in section (f) Regionalism;**
- **requiring that the sign meet two of three criteria (i) – (iii) under the heading Materials, Technology and Design in section 2; and**
- **adding subsections (c) and (f) into section 2. to read as they do in section 1. for consistency.**

**3. Recommendation for Allowable Treatment Methods (*Action Item*)**

**The subcommittee discussed the Treatment Methods, revised as a result of discussion at the last meeting and adopted the draft as a working definition.**

**Additional changes in the adopted draft included:**

- **In repairs and restorations, disallowing any additions of non-historic elements that increase the size of the restored sign;**
- **allowing moveable sign elements (lights or parts) to be repaired or restored if the owner of an HLS can provide documentation or physical evidence that they were part of the original design; and**
- **allowing changes to text of signs for adaptive reuses (rehabilitations) if they match the remaining or replaced historic text by using the same materials, letter size, font, and color, or if the new text is compatible with remaining or replaced historic text.**

**4. Discussion and Recommendation of Historic Sign Districts Concept (*Action Item*)**

**Historic Sign Districts will be discussed at the next HLS meeting on April 9, 2010.**

5. Future Agenda Items

- **Discussion and recommendation of Historic Sign Districts concept (*Action Item*)**
- **Discussion and recommendation of incentives for HLS Designation and Treatments (*Action item*)**
- **Discussion and recommendation of application and review procedures for HLS designations and proposed treatments (*Action item*)**

6. Call to the Audience

**No one from the audience spoke.**

7. Future Meetings

**The committee agreed to hold an additional meeting on June 4, 2010, if necessary.**

8. Adjournment

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.**

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